

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claim will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application:

**Listing of the Claims:**

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Claim 1 (currently amended):

An in-line roller skate for skating on a skating surface comprising:

a boot for supporting the foot of a user,

a frame secured to the boot,

a plurality of skating wheels rotatably mounted on the frame for rotation in a common  
plane,

at least one counter-rotatable braking device rotatably attached to the frame comprising  
means to allow rotation of the device in one direction and to resist rotation in the other  
direction, and

at least one braking wheel rotatably attached to the frame forward of the skating wheels  
by means for mounting the braking wheel which allow displacement of the axis of the  
braking wheel in a direction approximately in line with the axis of the braking device and  
which allow the braking wheel to contact the braking device, such that when both the  
front skating wheel and the braking wheel are in contact with the skating surface, the  
contact point between the braking wheel and the braking device is approximately  
vertically above the contact point between the braking wheel and the skating surface, in  
contact with the braking device at least when the skate is tilted forward.

Claim 2 (original): The in-line roller skate of Claim 1 wherein the braking wheel is mounted on an axle and the mounting means comprises a mechanism for slidably attaching the axle to the frame.

Claim 3 (original): The in-line roller skate of Claim 2 wherein the mounting means allows displacement of the axle of the braking wheel in an upward direction inclined approximately ten degrees rearward from vertical.

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Claim 4 (original): The in-line roller skate of Claim 3 wherein the braking device is mounted on an axle fixedly attached to the frame.

Claim 5 -7 (cancelled)

Claim 8 (currently amended): The in-line roller skate of Claim 1 wherein the mounting means allows displacement of the axle of the braking wheel in an upward direction inclined approximately twenty-five degrees rearward from vertical. ~~contact point between the braking wheel and the braking device is approximately vertically above the contact point between the braking wheel and the skating surface when both the front skating wheel and the braking wheel are in contact with the skating surface.~~

Claim 9 (original): The in-line roller skate of Claim 1 wherein the braking device is oriented to allow rotation of the braking wheel against the skating surface in the forward

skating direction and to resist rotation of the braking wheel against the skating surface in the reverse direction.

Claim 10 (original): The in-line roller skate of Claim 1 having one counter-rotatable braking device and one braking wheel.

Claim 11 (original): The in-line roller skate of Claim 10 wherein the counter-rotatable braking device, the braking wheel and the skating wheels are in a common plane of rotation.

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Claims 12 – 14 (cancelled)

Claim 15 (currently amended): A method of allowing an in-line roller skate to roll on a skating surface in one direction and to resist rolling in the other direction, the skate comprising a boot for supporting the foot of a user, a frame secured to the boot and a plurality of skating wheels on the frame for rotation in a common plane, the method comprising:

attaching at least one counter-rotatable braking device to the frame, the device comprising means to allow rotation of the device in one direction and to resist rotation in the other direction, and

mounting at least one braking wheel to the frame forward of the skating wheels to allow displacement of the axis of the braking wheel in a direction approximately in line with the axis of the braking device and to allow the braking wheel to contact the braking

device, such that when both the front skating wheel and the braking wheel are in contact with the skating surface, the contact point between the braking wheel and the braking device is approximately vertically above the contact point between the braking wheel and the skating surface, so that the braking wheel is in contact with the braking device at least when the skate is tilted forward.

Claim 16 (original): The method of Claim 15 wherein the braking wheel is mounted on an axle slidably attached to the frame.

b) Claim 17 ( original): The method of Claim 16 wherein the axle is slidably attached to the frame to allow displacement of the rotational axis of the braking wheel in an upward direction inclined approximately ten degrees rearward from vertical.

Claim 18 (original): The method of Claim 17 wherein the braking device is mounted on an axle that is fixedly attached to the frame.

Claims 19 – 21 (cancelled)

Claim 22 (original): The method of Claim 15 wherein the contact point between the braking wheel and the braking device is approximately vertically above the contact point between the braking wheel and the skating surface when the front skating wheel and the braking wheel are both in contact with the skating surface.

Claim 23 (original): The method of Claim 15 wherein the braking device is oriented to allow rotation of the braking wheel against the skating surface in the forward skating direction and to resist rotation of the braking wheel against the skating surface in the reverse direction.

Claim 24 (original): The method of Claim 15 having one counter-rotatable braking device and one braking wheel.

Claim 25 (original): The method of Claim 24 wherein the counter-rotatable braking device, the braking wheel and the skating wheels are in a common plane of rotation.

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Claim 26 – 28 (cancelled)

Claim 29 (original): An in-line roller skate for skating on a skating surface comprising:  
a boot for supporting the foot of a user,  
a frame secured to the boot having a pair of parallel elongated slots in the forward portion of the frame, the long axes of the slots inclined rearward approximately ten degrees from vertical,  
a plurality of skating wheels rotatably mounted on the frame rearward of the slot for rotation in a common plane,  
at least one counter-rotatable braking device rotatably attached to the frame approximately in line with the axes of the slots, the braking device comprising means to allow rotation of the device in one direction and to resist rotation in the other direction,

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an axle slidably mounted in the slots,  
and at least one braking wheel mounted on the axle, such that the counter-rotatable  
braking device, the braking wheel, and the skating wheels are in a common plane of  
rotation and the braking wheel contacts the braking device at a point approximately  
vertically above the contact point between the braking wheel and the skating surface  
when both the front skating wheel and the braking wheel are in contact with the skating  
surface,  
wherein the braking device is oriented to allow rotation of the braking wheel against the  
skating surface in the forward skating direction and to resist rotation of the braking wheel  
against the skating surface in the reverse direction.

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